

Energy Overview

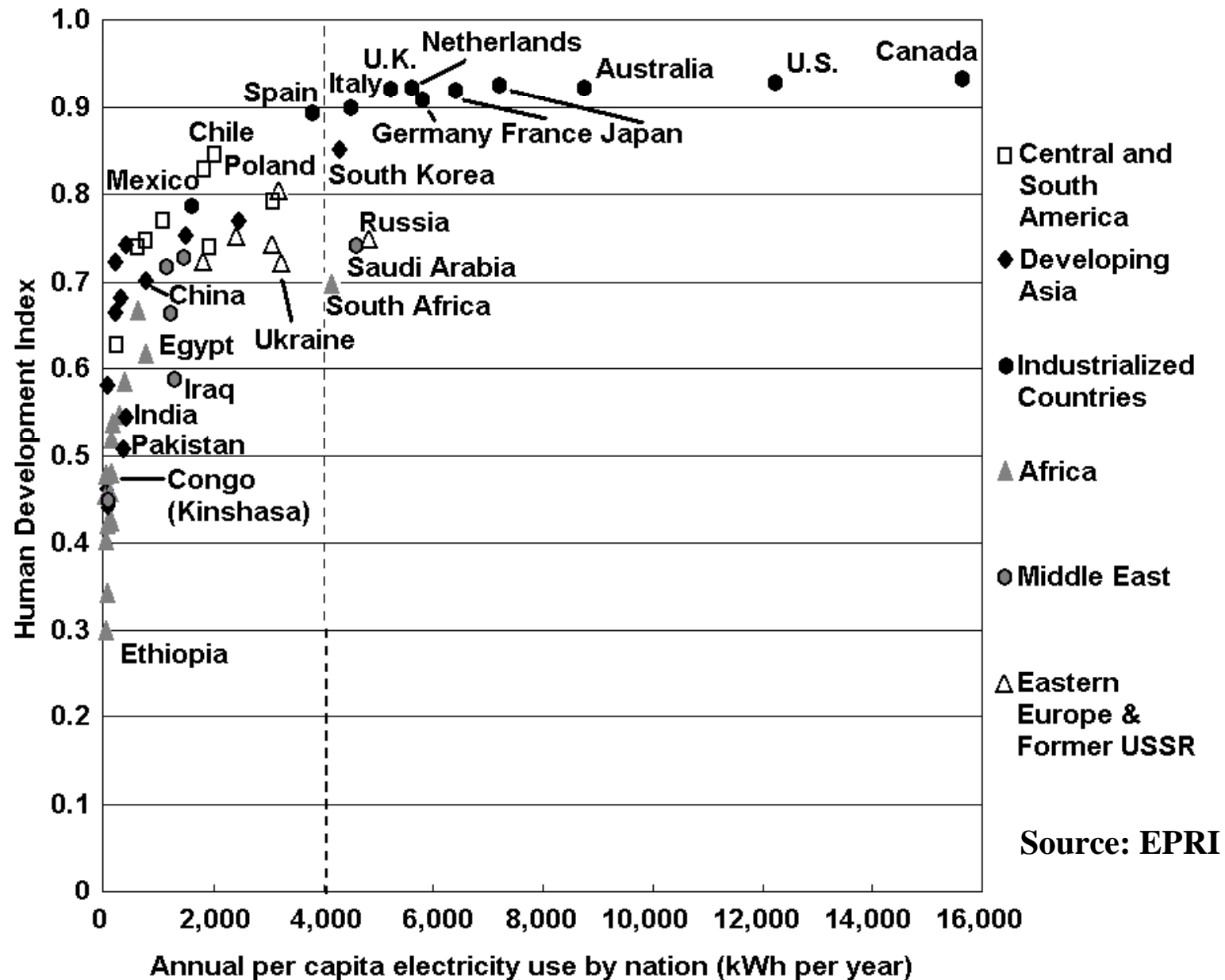
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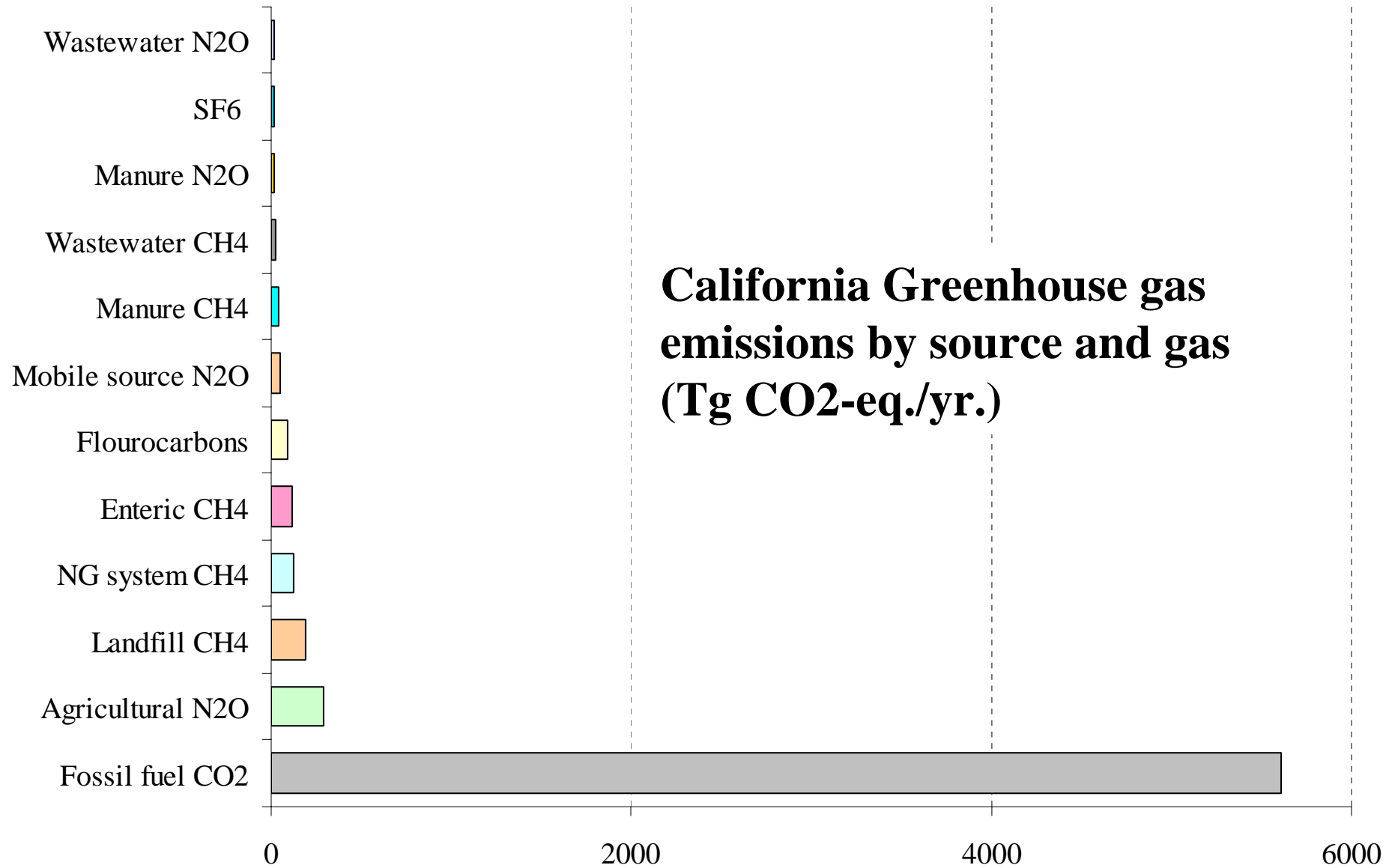
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Electrification and Development



Climate Change



Source: Farrell et al. 2005

*Interested in an
interdisciplinary approach to
sustainable development?*

Minor in Energy and Resources

so you can explore issues like:

Why do so many
people lack safe
drinking water?

How will ecosystems respond
to global warming?



When will we
run out of oil?



And, what are
the connections?

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ER100 - Energy & Society

Are you interested in questions like these...

- *How did fossil-fuels help to define the 20th Century? What about the 21st?*
- *What does energy use do to the environment?*
- *What about renewable energy and conservation?*
- *When will fuel cell cars be on the road?*

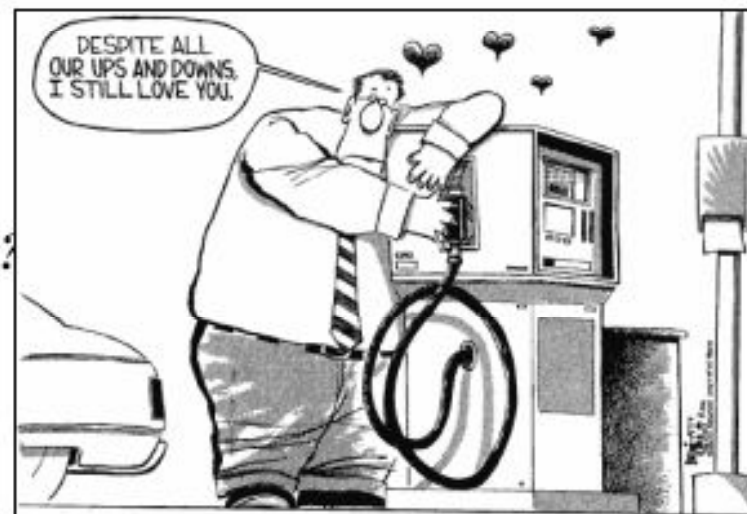
...then take ER100! You'll learn answers to these questions and more in this course about the technical *and* social aspects of our energy system.

Lectures: Tu & Th 2:00 - 3:30 PM in 180 Tan Hall
(+ 1 hour discussion per week & optional field trips)

Website: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~kammen/er100>

Professor Dan Kammen

Course control # 27403 (ERG)



No prerequisites

What kinds of energy do we Americans use?

Shares of U.S Primary Energy Sources

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
Annual Energy Review 2004

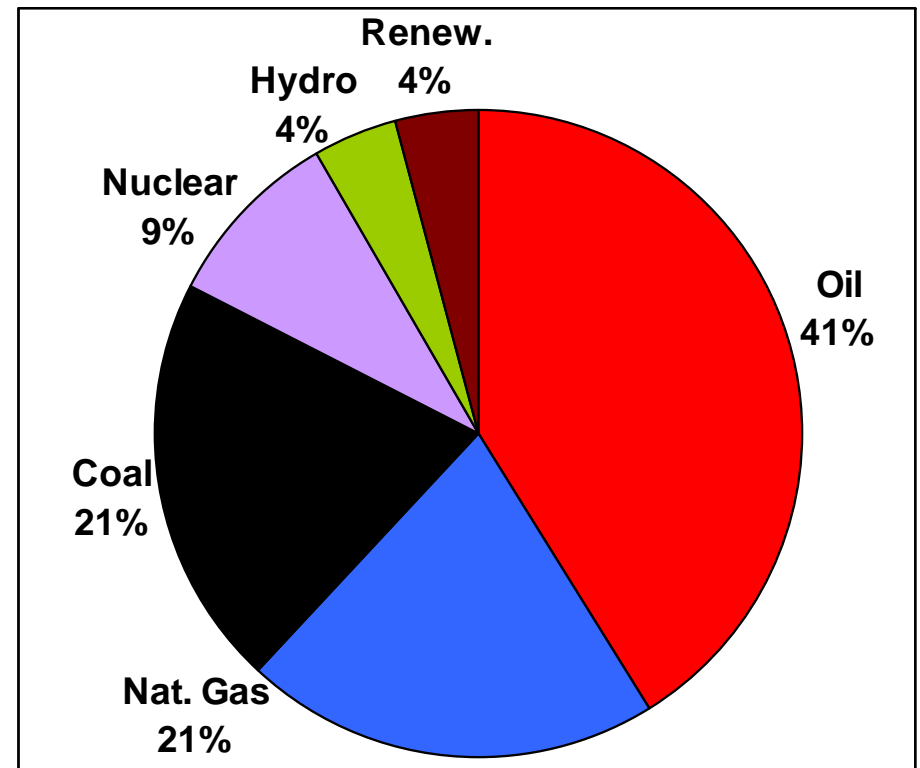
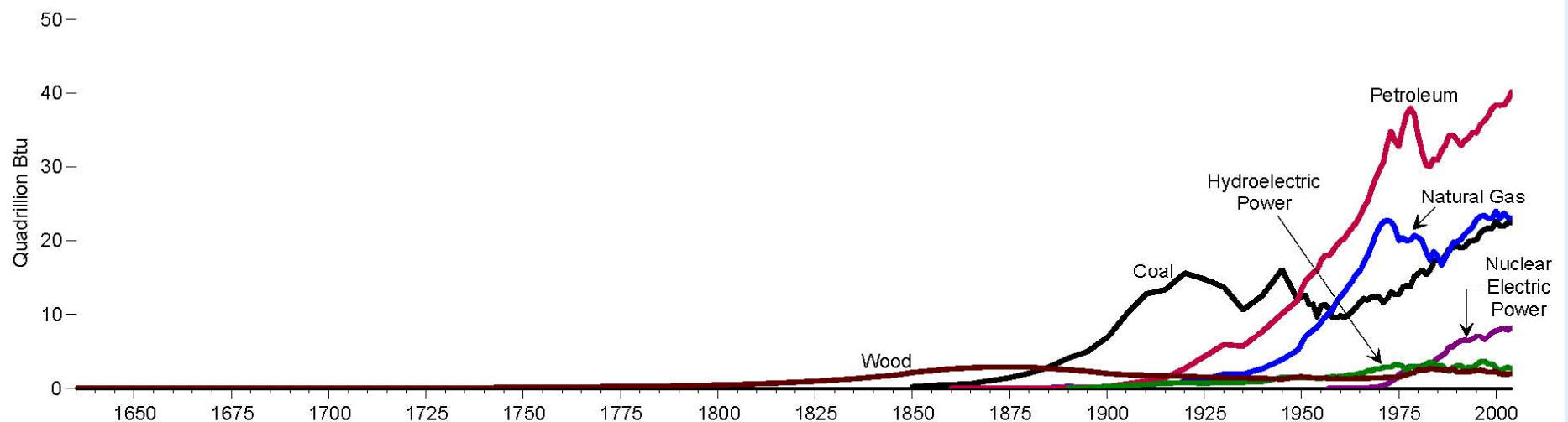
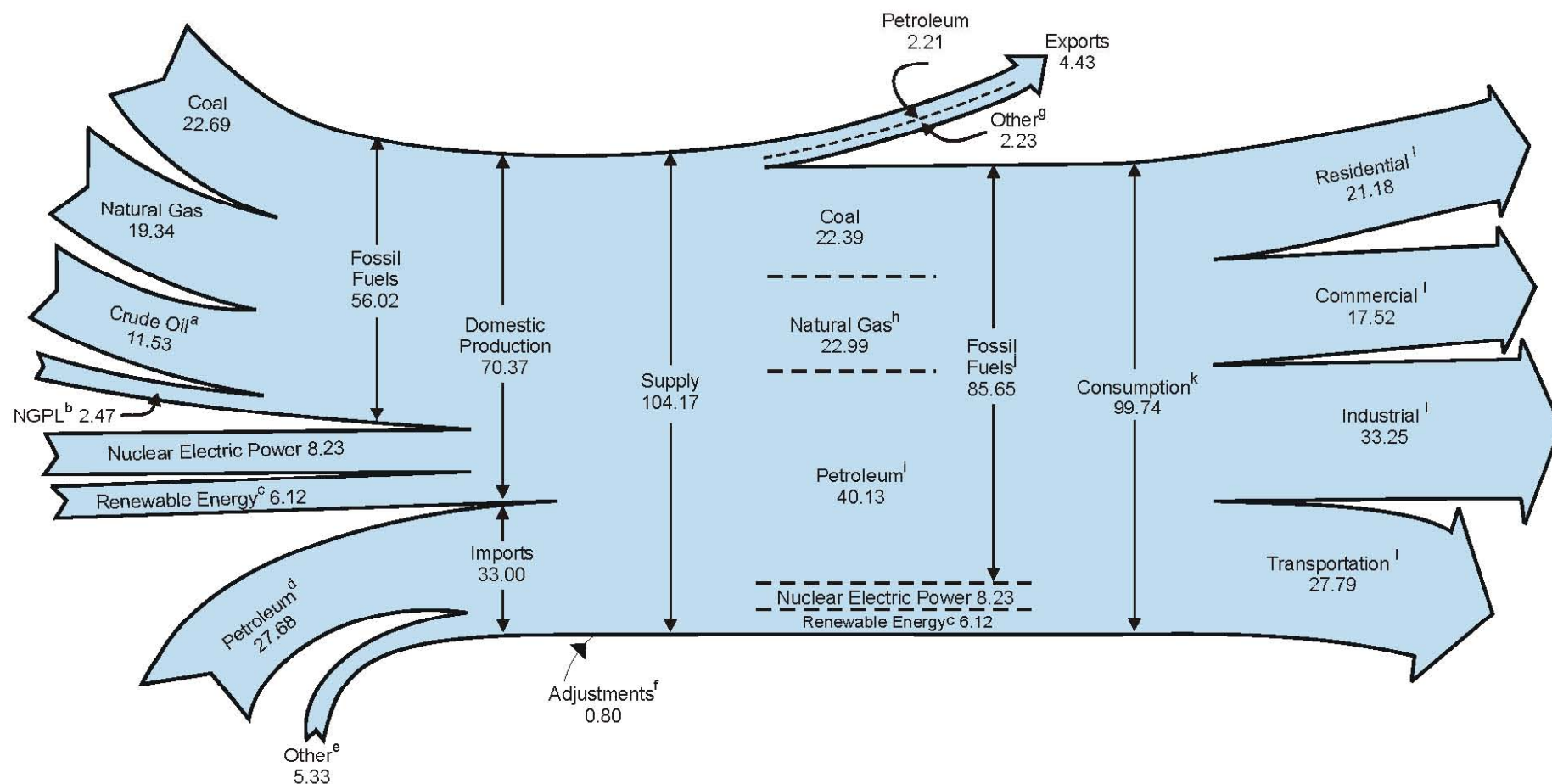


Figure 5. Energy Consumption by Source, 1635-2004



How do we Americans use energy?

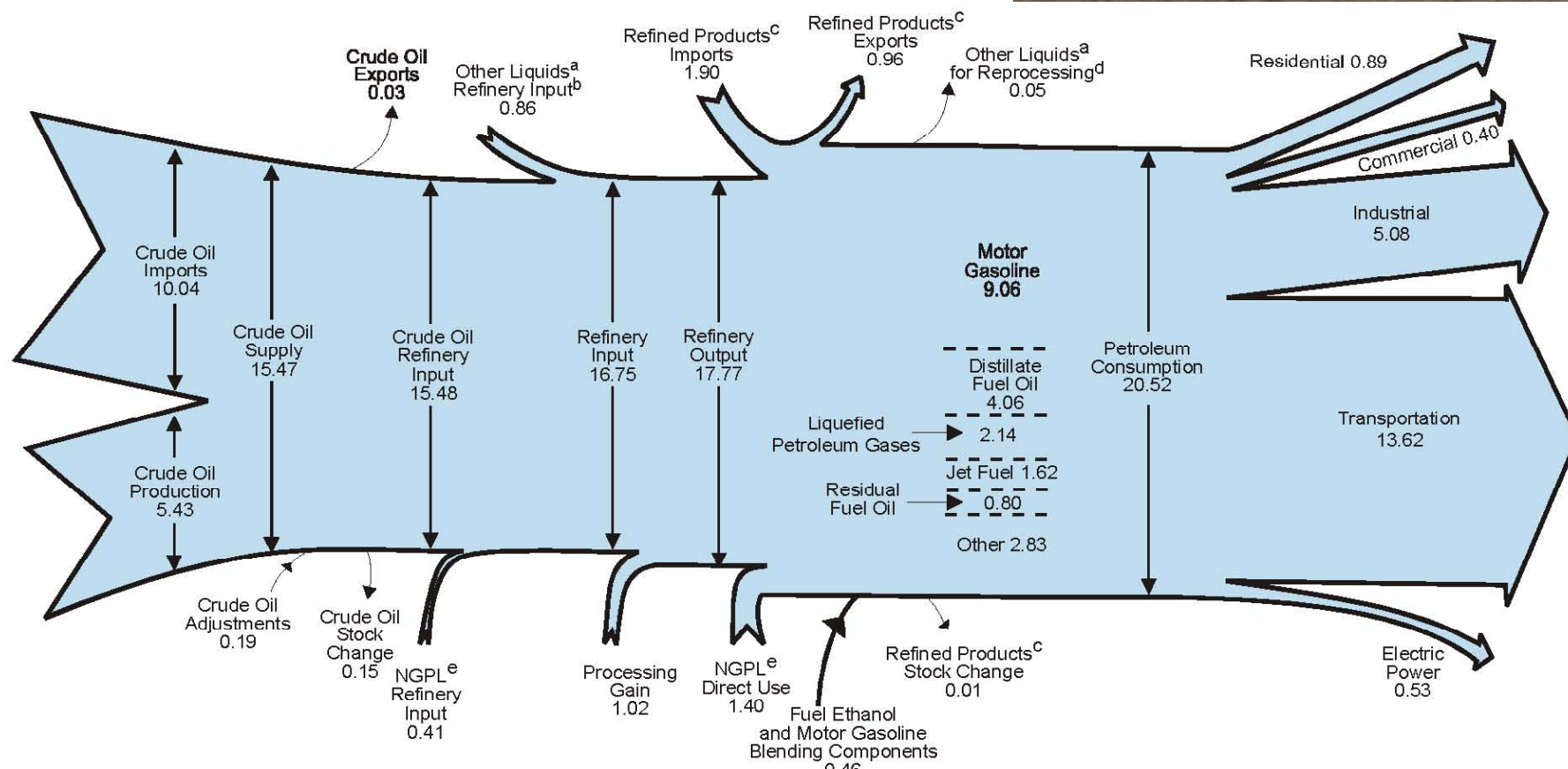
Diagram 1. Energy Flow, 2004
(Quadrillion Btu)



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration – *Annual Energy Review 2004*

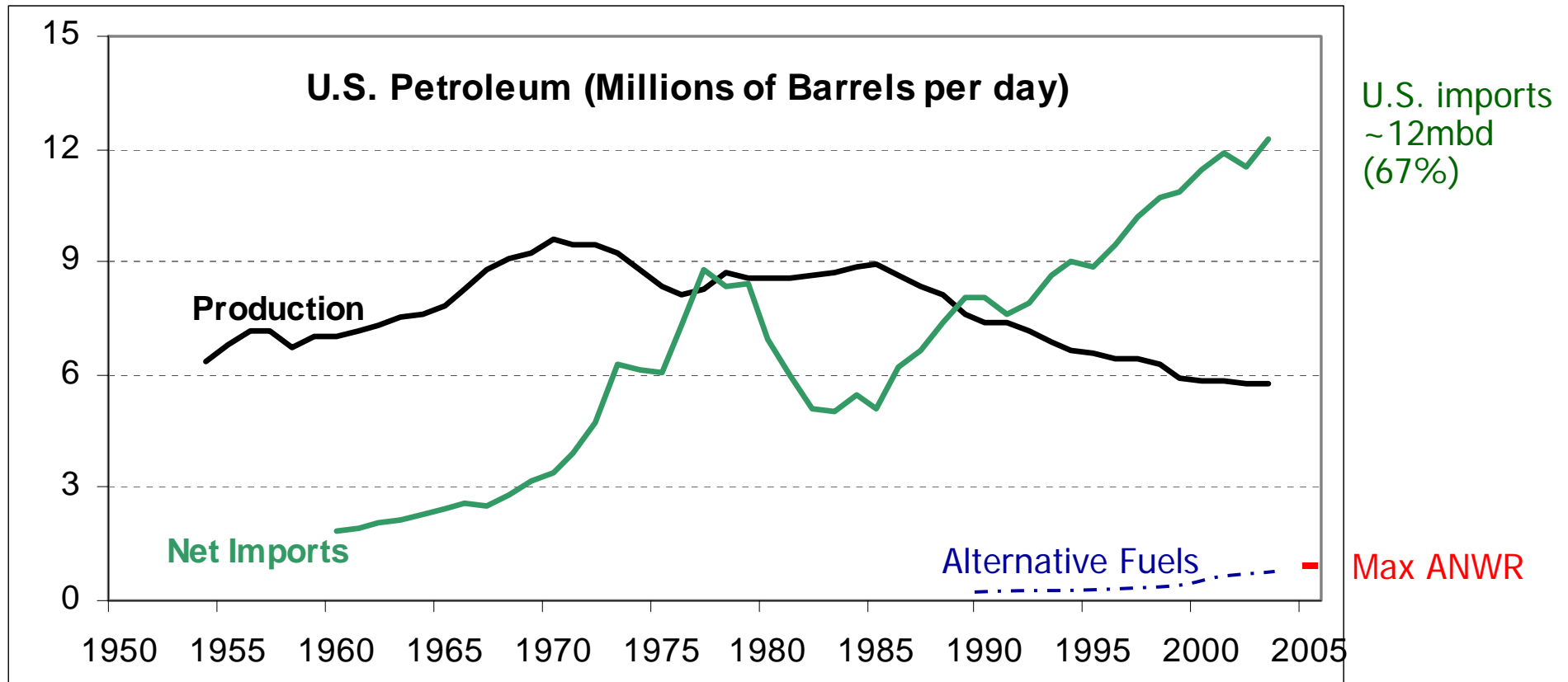
Petroleum in the U.S.

Diagram 2. Petroleum Flow, 2004
(Million Barrels per Day)



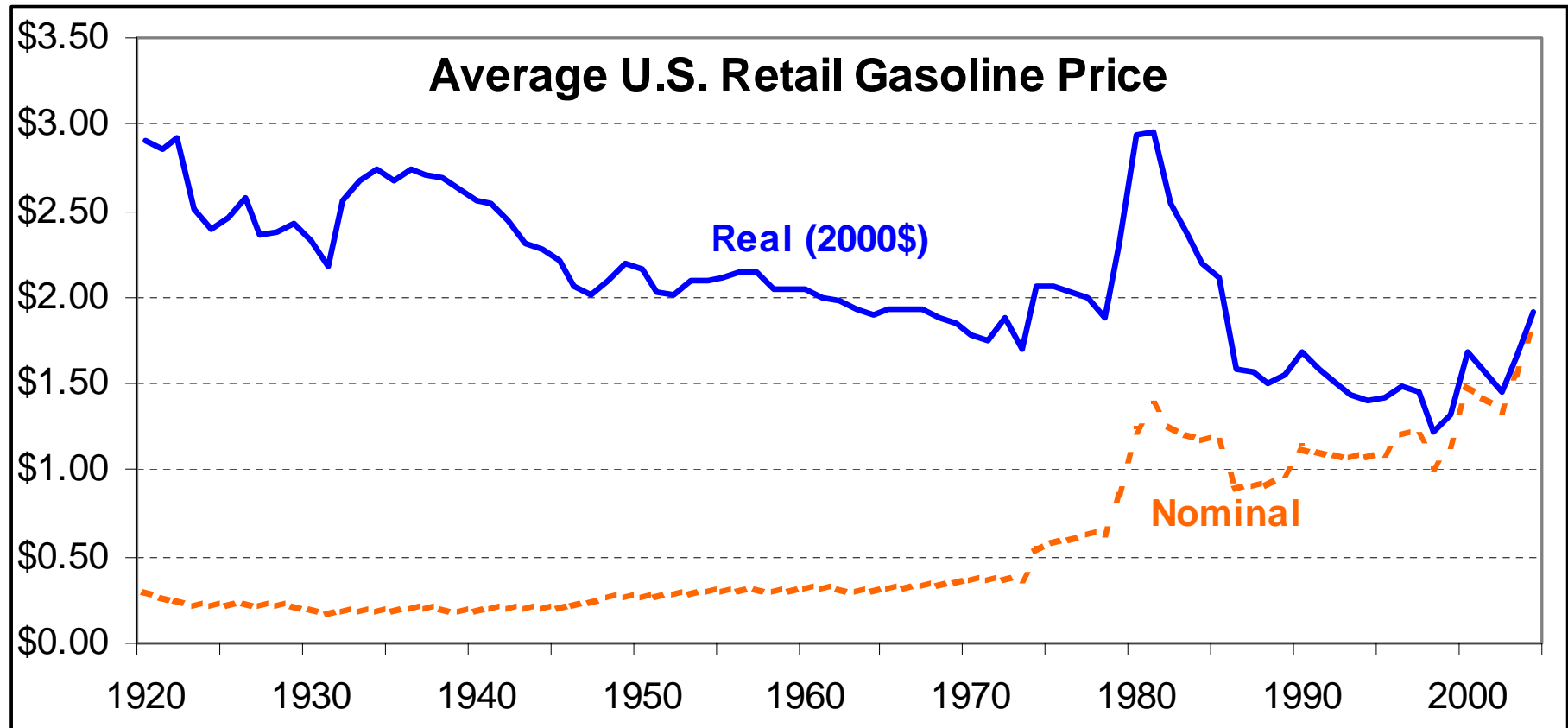
Production and Imports (2003 data)

U.S. consumption ~18 mbd X



- Global production ~82mbd
- U.S. consumption ~24% of global production
- U.S. production ~9% of global production
- U.S. imports ~15% of global production

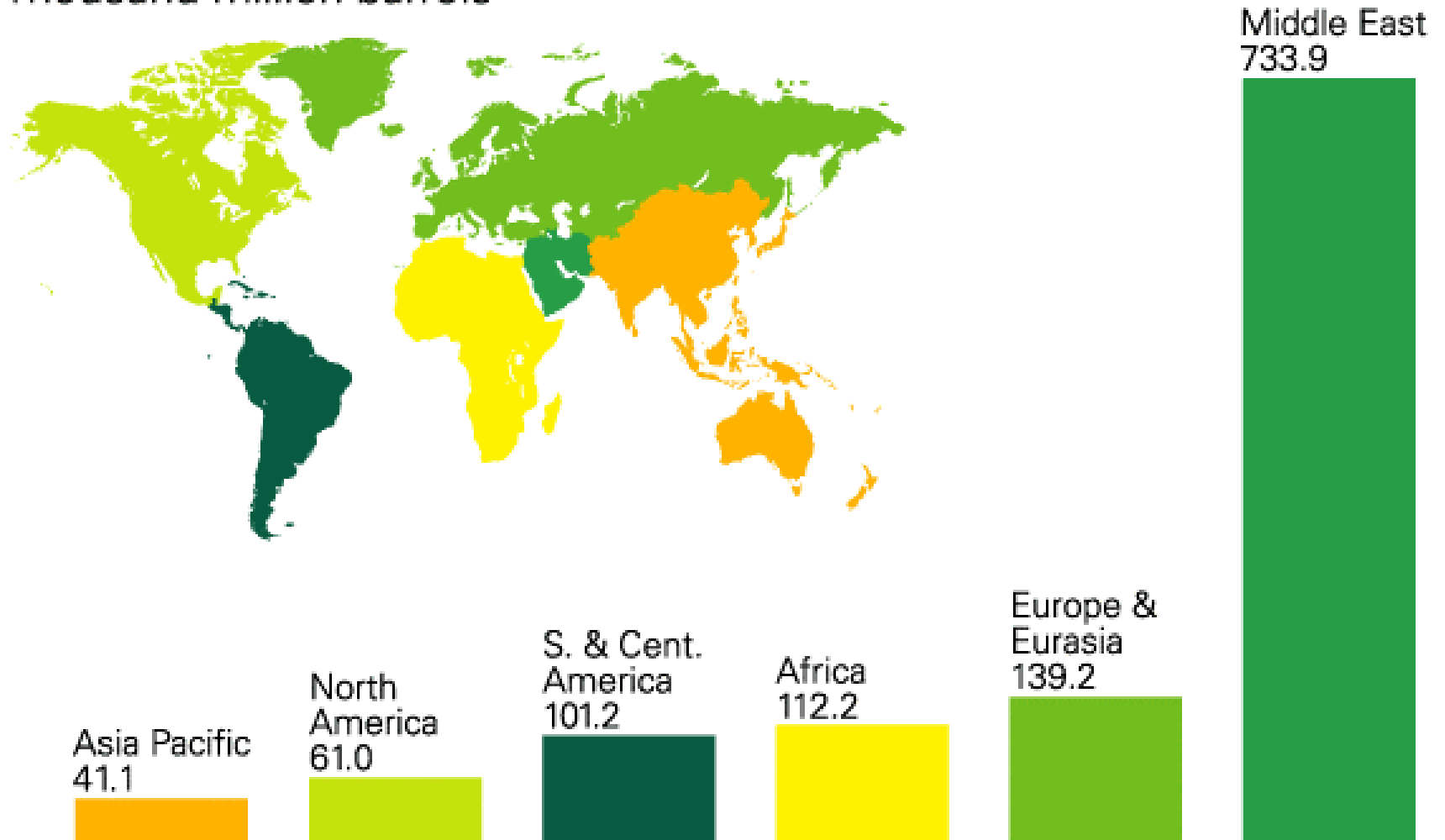
Long term gasoline price history



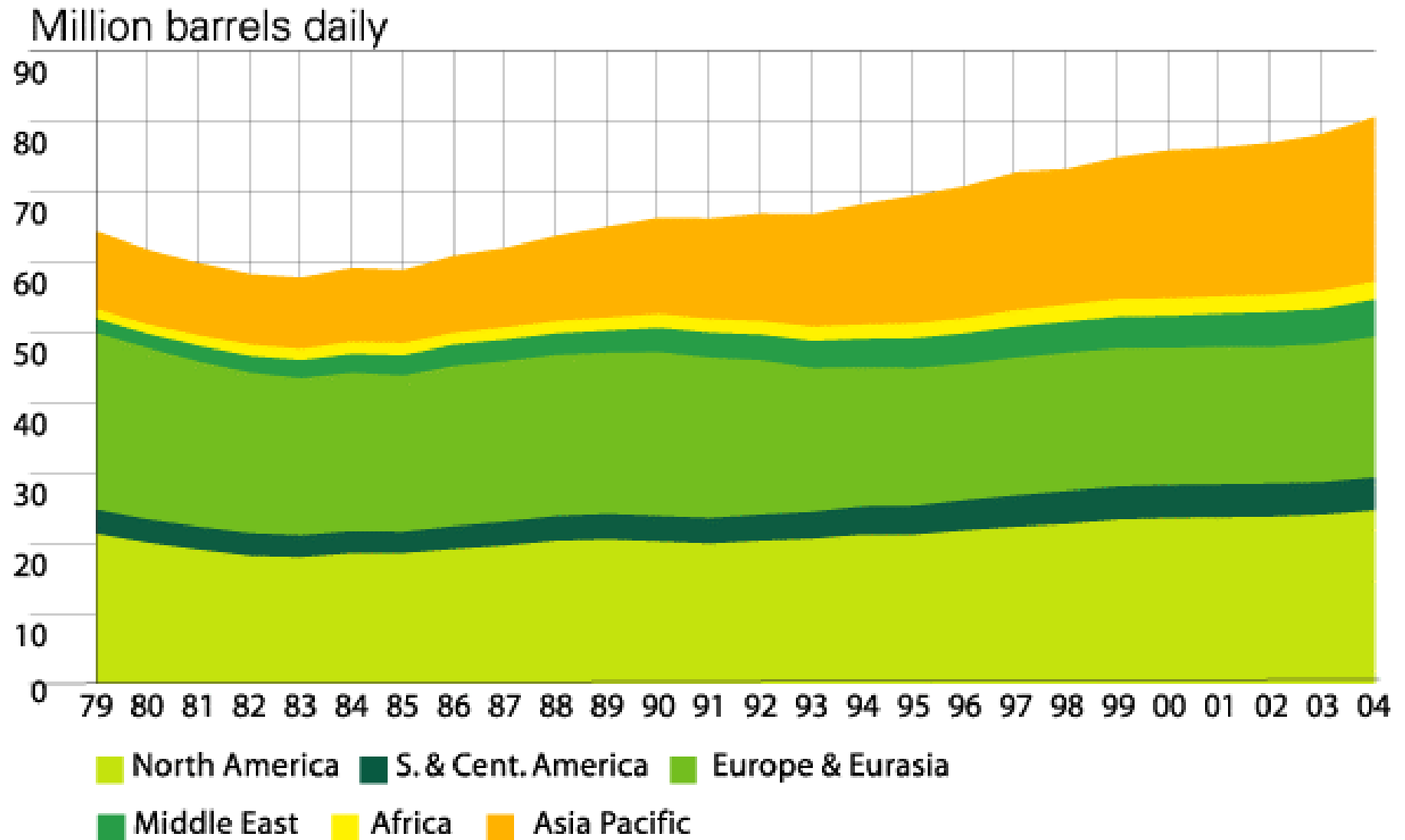
Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Proved oil reserves (2004)

Thousand million barrels



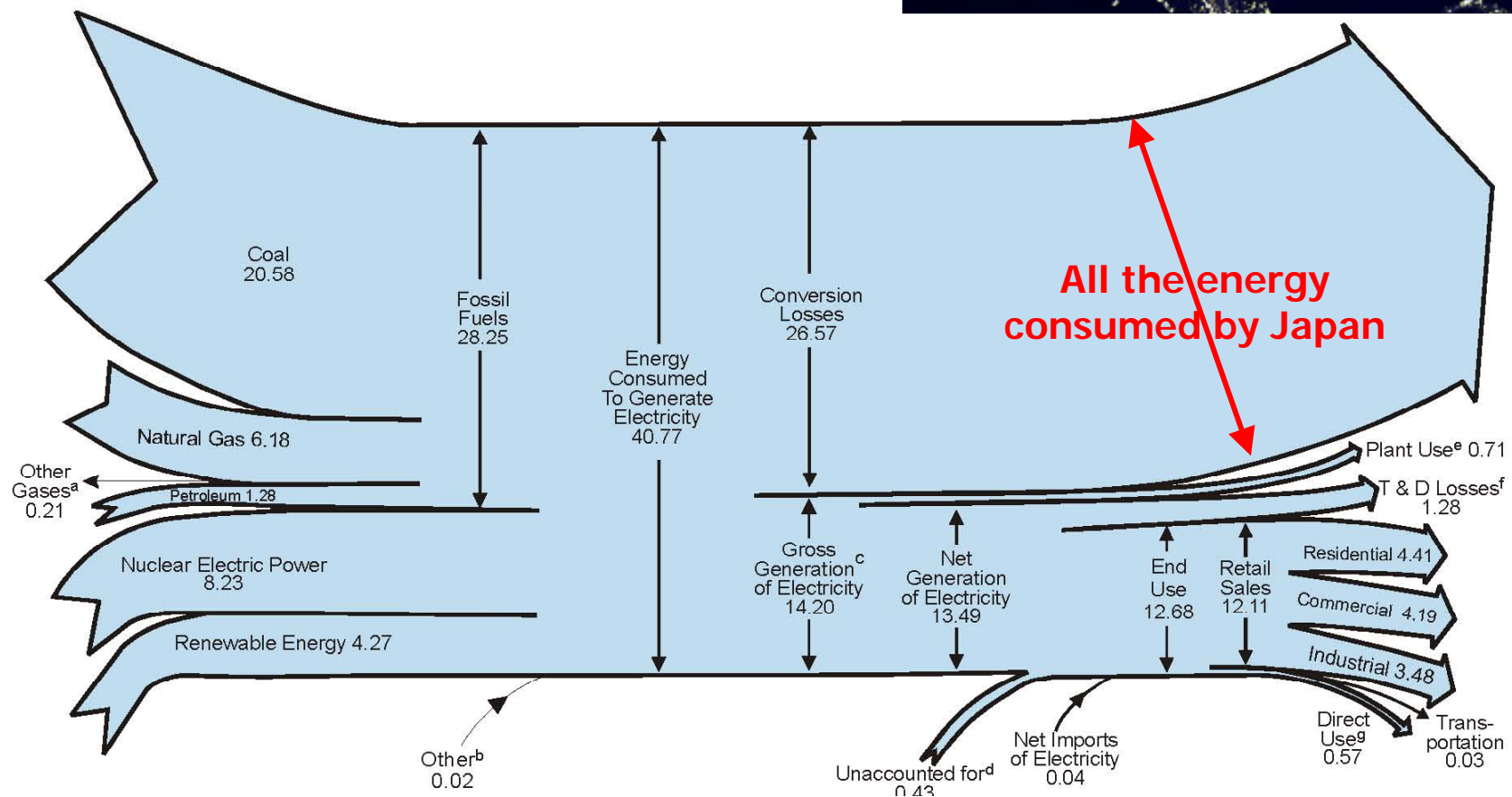
Global oil consumption

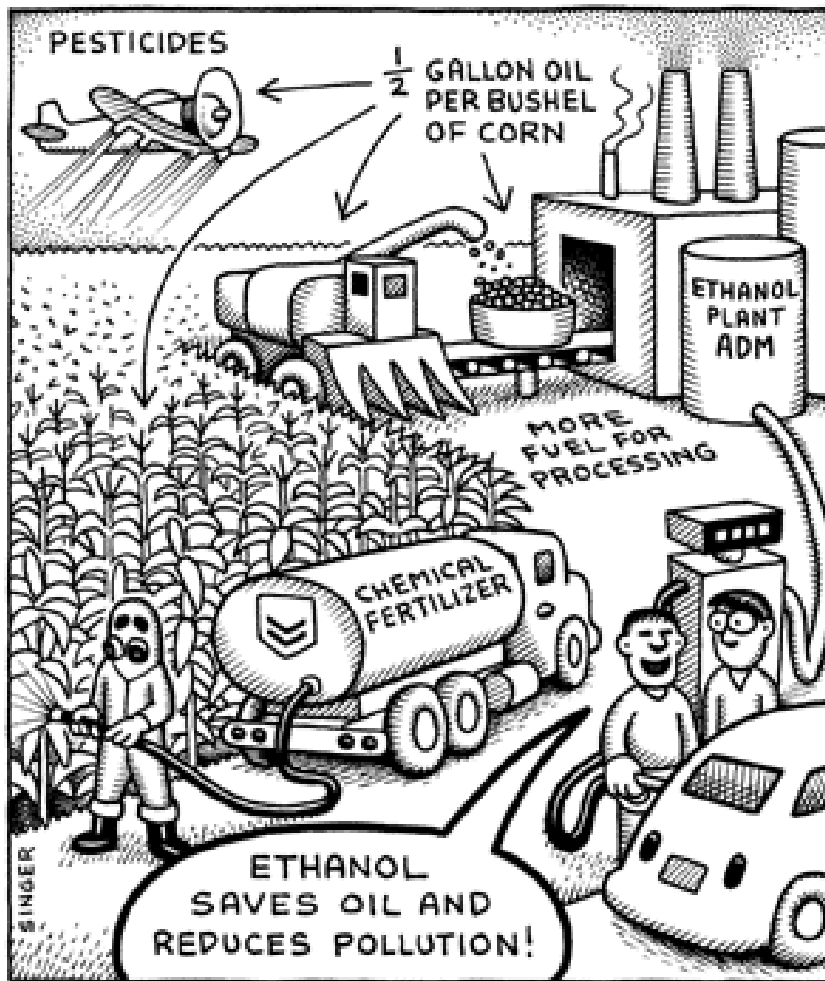


Source: BP

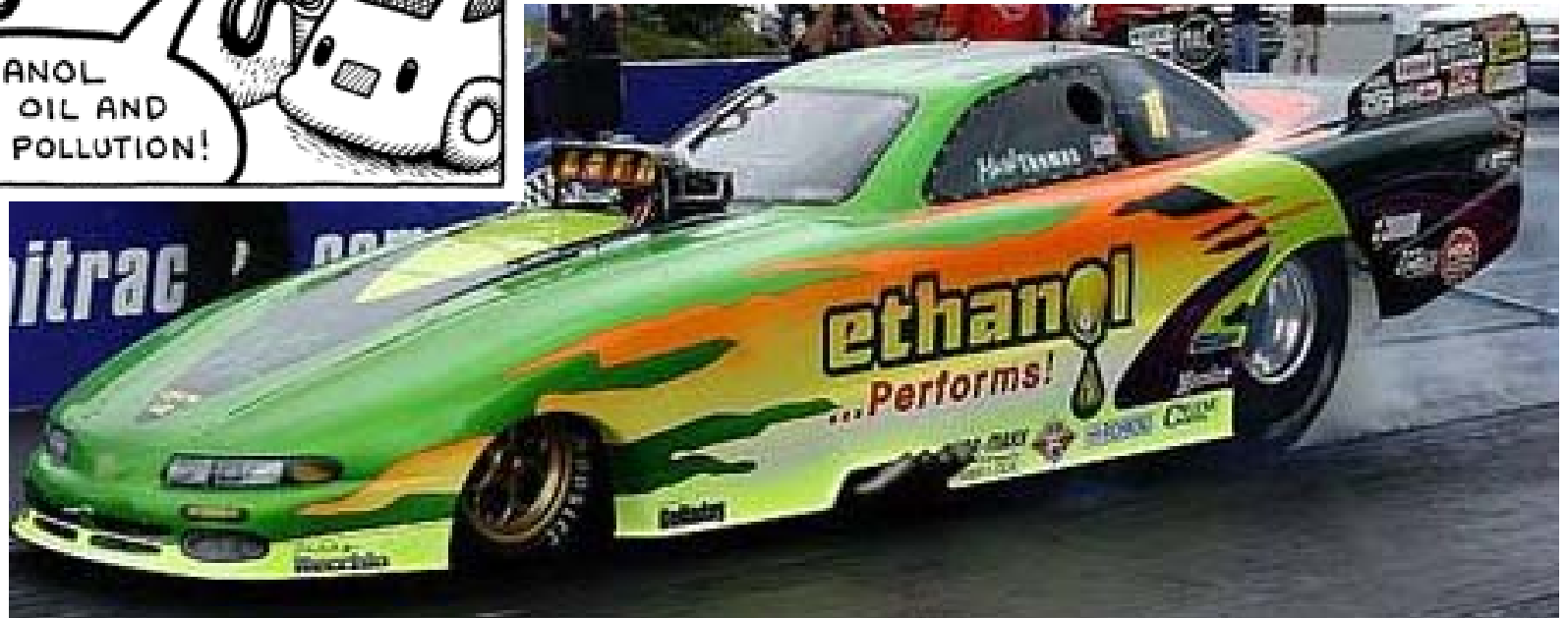
U.S. Electricity

Diagram 5. Electricity Flow, 2004
(Quadrillion Btu)





Energy and CO₂ Implications of Ethanol



Fuel Properties

Ethanol

Formula

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$

Boiling

78°C

Sp. Gravity

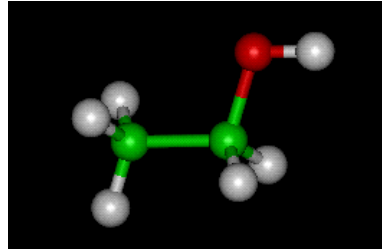
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LHV (MJ/L)

21

Octane

113



Conventional Gasoline

Mixture (C_8H_{18})

varies ($40^\circ\text{-}80^\circ\text{C}$)

0.74

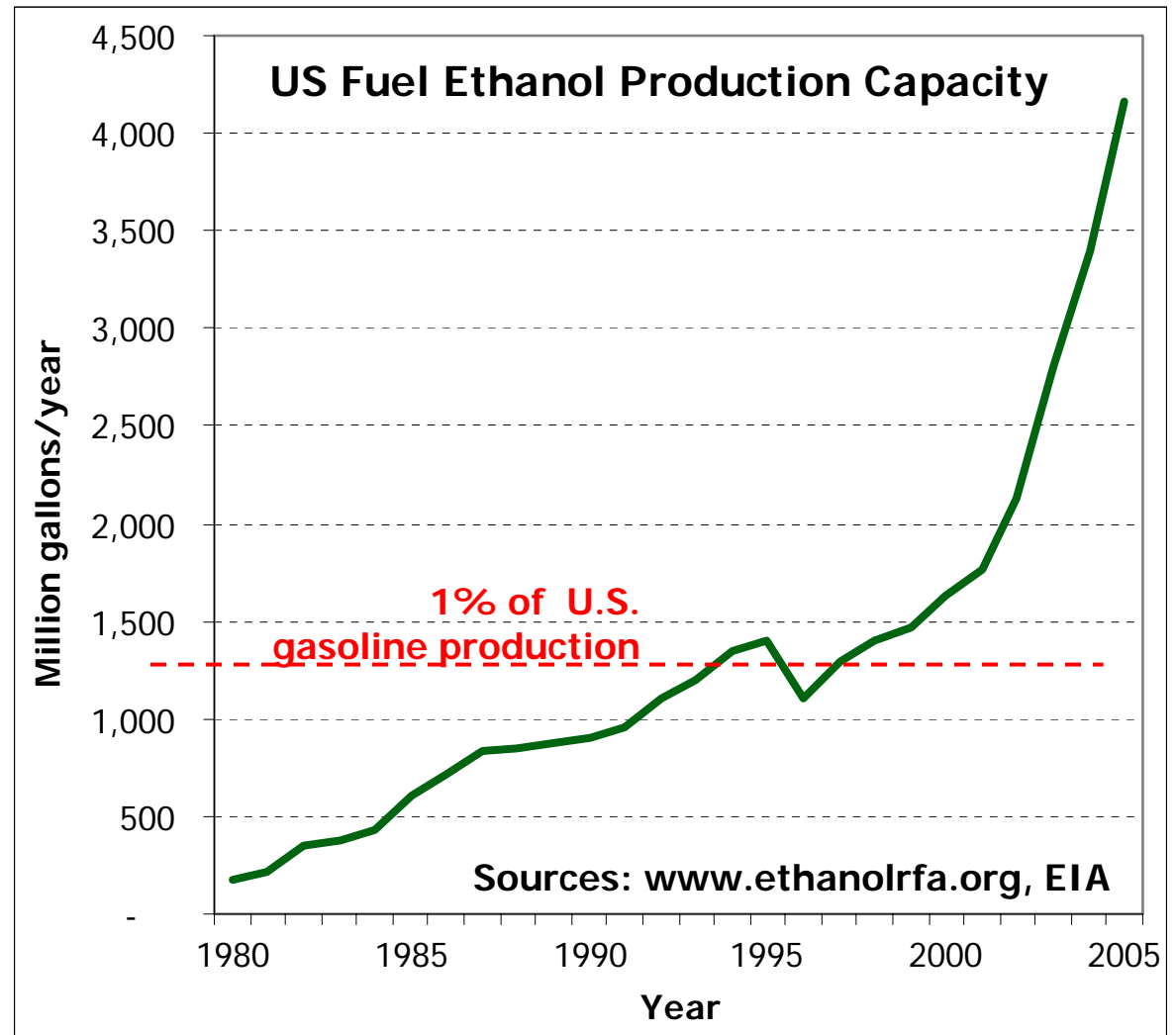
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varies (85-93)



Recent Trends

- Federal subsidy for corn ethanol production
- Federal mandate for “oxygenate” in some gasoline (now ended)
- Federal mandate for “renewable” fuel”
- Almost all corn ethanol
- Cellulosic technology advances (Iogen/Shell deal)

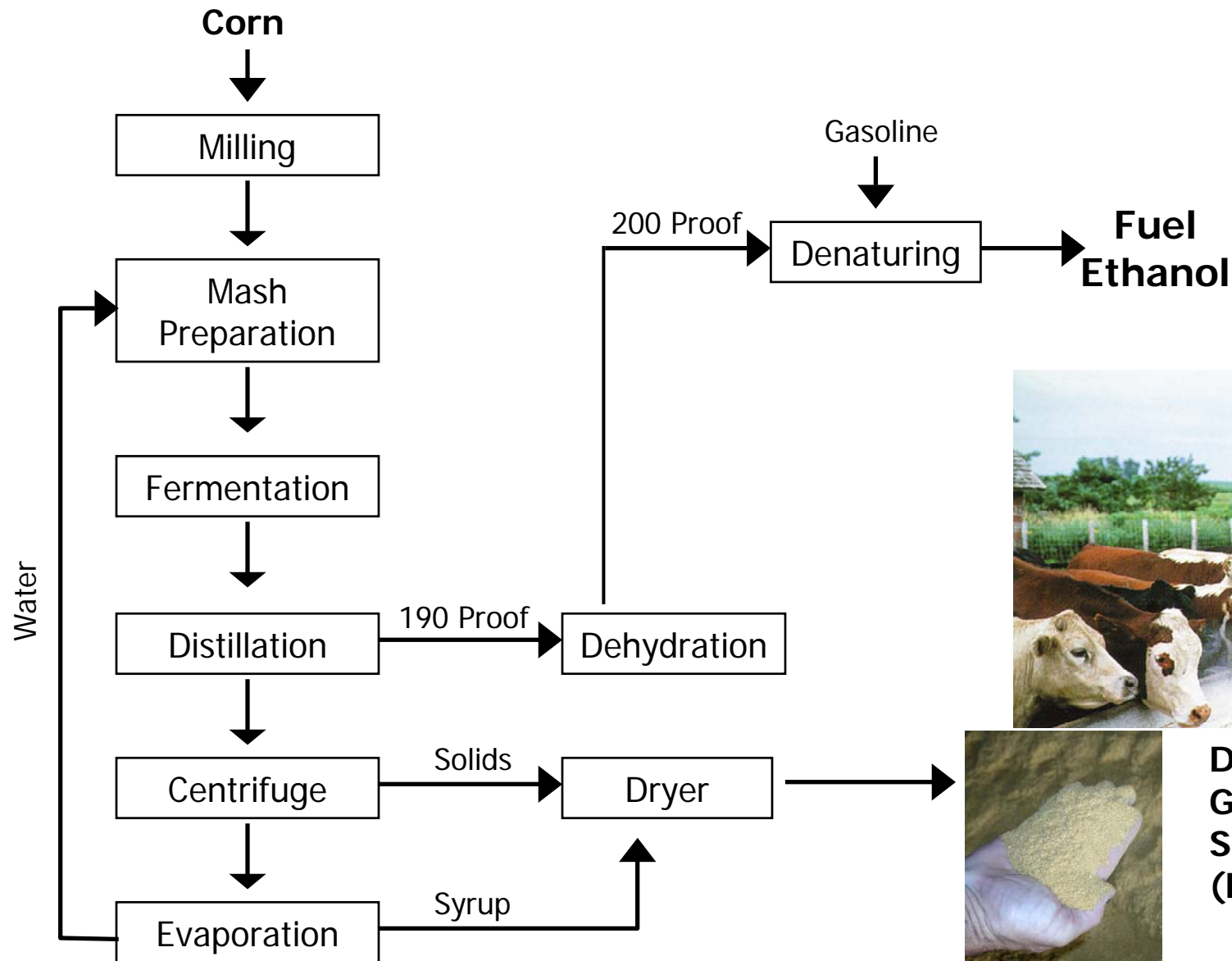


Possible feedstocks

- Corn
- Stover & other residues
- Poplar
- Switchgrass
- Sugar cane
- Bagasse

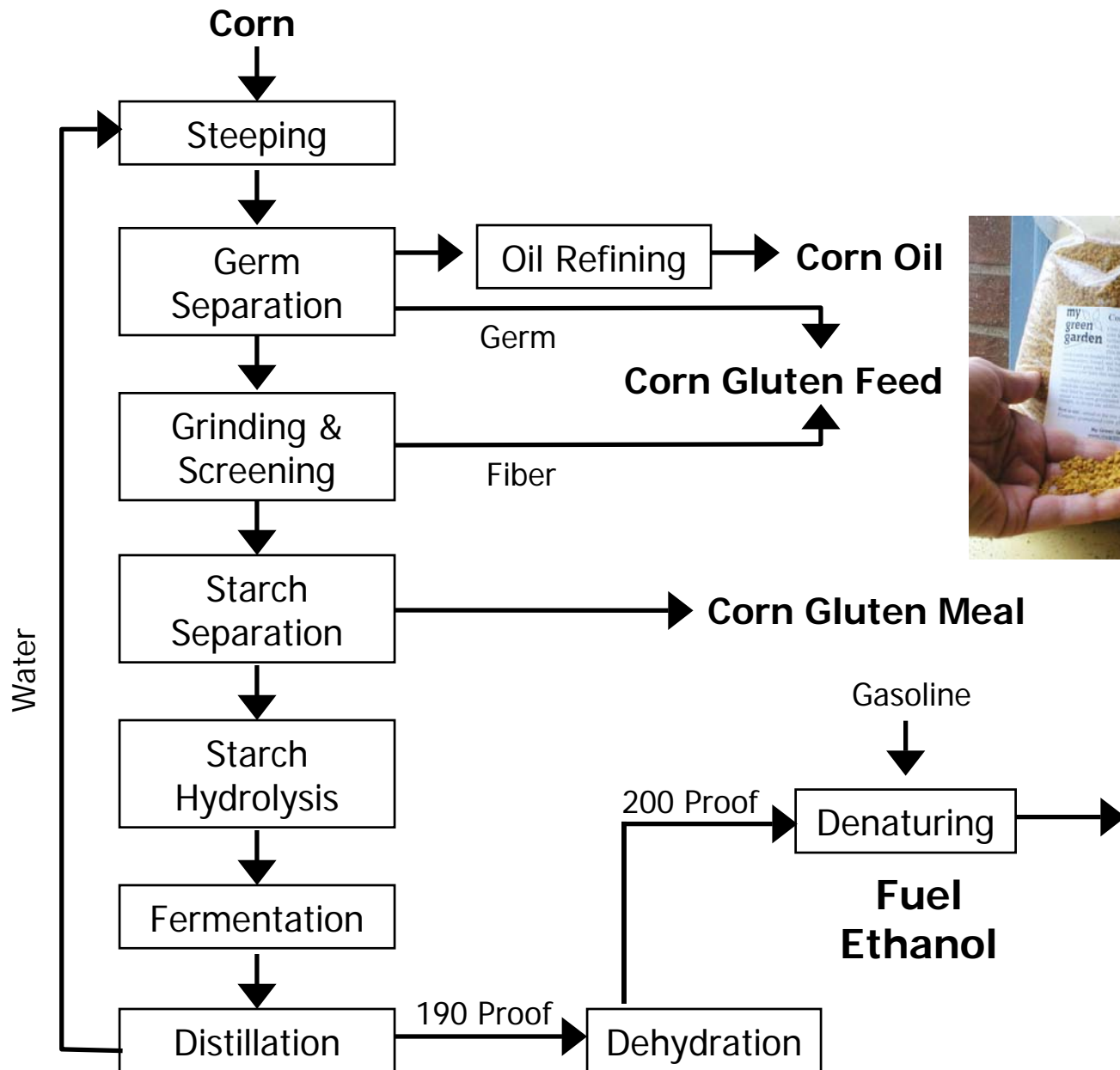


Starch to ethanol – Dry milling

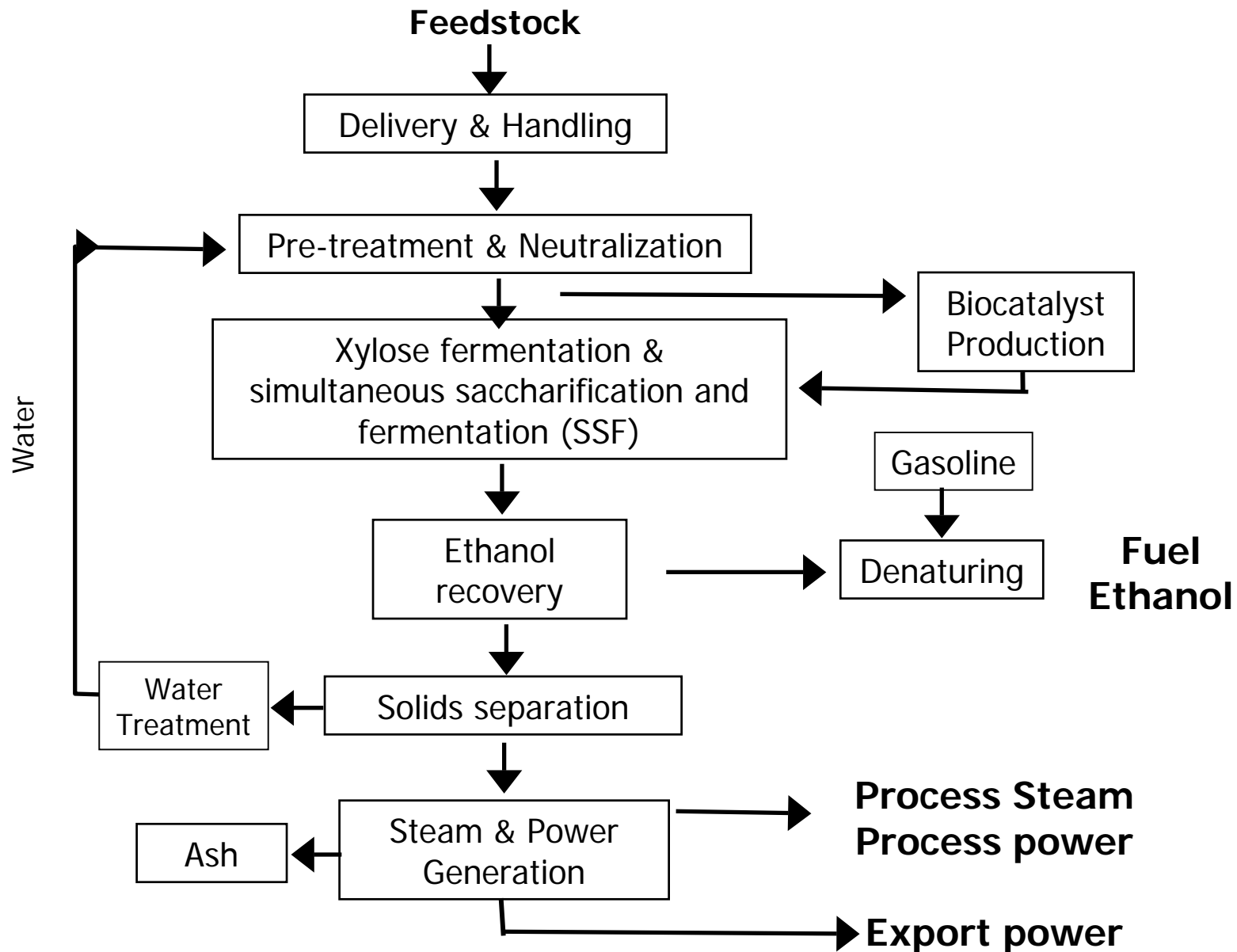


Dried Distiller's Grains and Solubles (DDGS)

Starch to ethanol – Wet milling



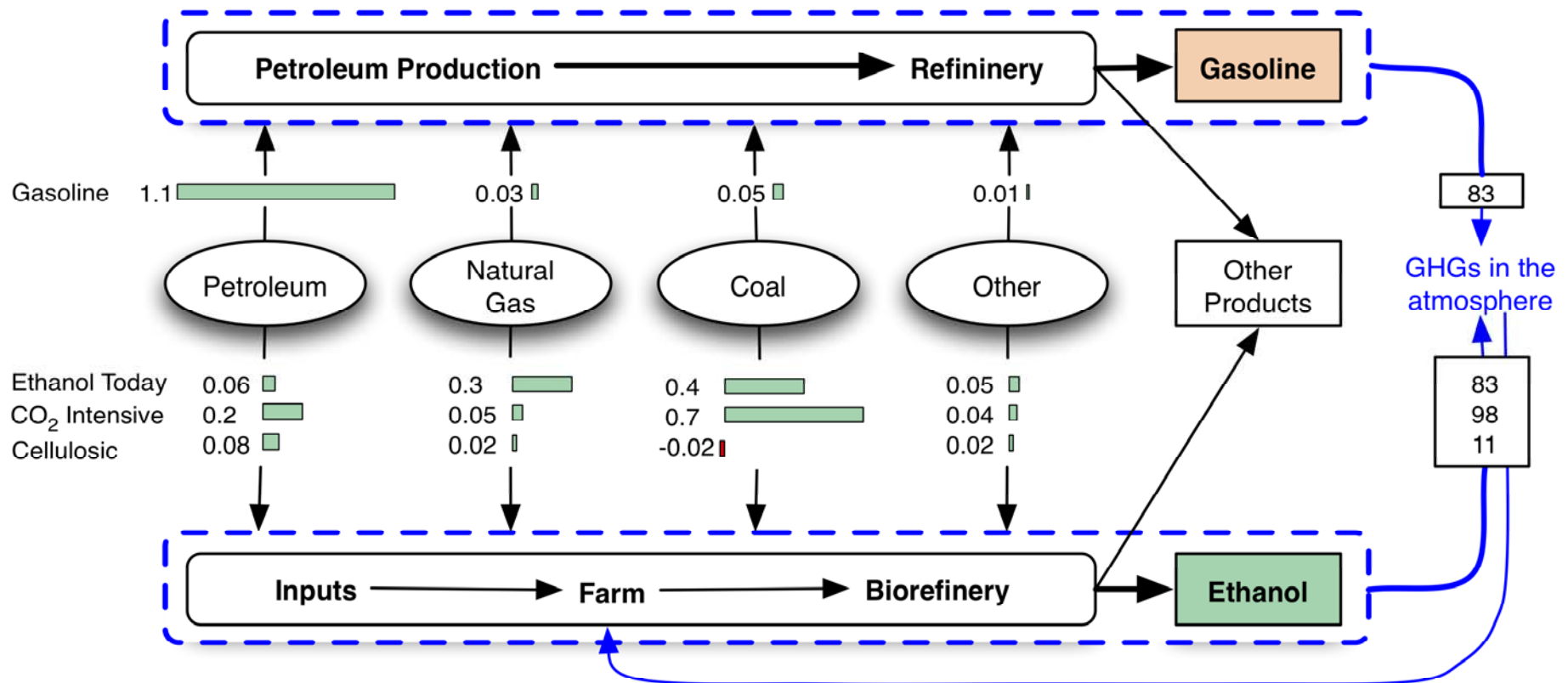
Cellulose to ethanol



The debate on “Net Energy”

- Focus
 - Corn ethanol
 - Average historical values
- Ignores
 - Differences in input energy types
 - Environmental impacts (greenhouse gases, erosion, pesticides, etc.)
 - “Energy theory of value”
- Key differences in the literature
 - Co-products ?
 - Data quality and vintage
- All studies show major reduction in petroleum use
- Best estimates (Fossil input/fuel output)
 - Gasoline: 1.2, Corn ethanol: 0.75, Cellulosic ethanol 0.08

Energy inputs and GHG emissions*



Notes:

Primary energy inputs (MJ) and net greenhouse gas emissions (kgCO₂-equivalent) per MJ of fuel.

*GHG emissions are highly uncertain

“Ethanol Today” is average U.S. performance

“Cellulosic” based on recent estimates for switchgrass-based commercial production

Important environmental aspects (e.g. erosion, pesticides) ignored.



Thanks

Useful websites

- www.eia.doe.gov
- www.bp.com
- <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~erg/>
- <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~rael/rael.html>
- www.energy.ca.gov
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- www.nrel.gov